

EXERCISE 4A

Circle the letter of the best SYNONYM (the word or phrase most nearly the same as the word in bold-faced type).

1. **overt** aggressions a. preclusive b. fierce c. obvious
d. bipartisan e. conscious
2. find no **aperture** a. opportunity b. clue c. excuse d. cloister
e. opening
3. a(n) **vacuous** conversation a. boring b. innocent c. overt
d. meaningful e. pointless

Circle the letter of the best ANTONYM (the word or phrase most nearly opposite the word in bold-faced type).

4. the **incipient** storm a. dramatic b. anticipated c. annihilating
d. concluding e. rain
5. a **renegade** soldier a. valiant b. boastful c. faithful d. veteran
e. wounded
6. the **inception** of their romance a. conception b. purpose
c. break-up d. rumor e. mistake

EXERCISE 4B

Circle the letter of the sentence in which the word in bold-faced type is used incorrectly.

1. a. Disillusioned with the **vacuous** vanities of court life, John Donne became a priest.
b. I prefer a book to the **vacuous** conversation at most parties.
c. In many works of science fiction a human being becomes lost in the immense **vacuity** of outer space.
d. The **vacuity** created by hundreds of suction cups on an octopus's tentacles enables it to hold fast to rocks.
2. a. **Vanity** made Queen Elizabeth I prey to flatterers.
b. In *Pilgrim's Progress* the hero is tempted to linger on his journey at Vanity Fair, where all the **vanities** of the world can be purchased.
c. It is **vanity** to think you can change human nature.
d. Reluctant to **vanity** her fame, she travels modestly under an assumed name.
3. a. To a **nihilist**, patriotism makes no sense.
b. The Russian Czar regarded **nihilistic** ideas as a threat to the monarchy.
c. **Nihilism** rejects education on the grounds that we can never learn anything anyway.
d. After years of extravagant living beyond their budget, they faced **nihilism**.
4. a. The research of Polish astronomer Copernicus **negated** the long-held theory that the sun moved around the earth.
b. A **negate** like her criticizes everything and approves nothing.
c. An atheist **negates** the existence of God; an agnostic remains uncertain.
d. This treaty **negates** all previous alliances the nations had made.

EXERCISE 4C

Fill in each blank with the most appropriate word from Lesson 4. Use a word or any of its forms only once.